

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuichi SHIBAZAKI

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 10/588,029

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Docket No.: 127874

For: STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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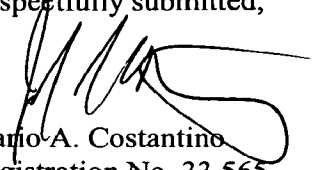
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the PTO-1449 filed January 5, 2007. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application in view of the corrections noted herein and on the attached PTO-1449, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Reference No. 119 in the January 5, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement, was cited erroneously. The correct citation and reference number are identified on the attached PTO 1449. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the patent application publication are not attached. See reference 1.
- ☒ 3. Reference No. 190 in the January 5, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement was incorrectly cited as DE 224 448 A1 rather than the proper DD 224 448 A1. The correct citation and reference number are identified on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of the correct reference along with an English-language Abstract and translation have previously been submitted. See reference 2.

- ☒ 4. It is respectfully requested that Reference 195 (JP A 4-305915) and Reference 196 (JP A 4-305917) listed on the January 5, 2007 Information Disclosure Statement be expressly considered in view of the attached English-language translations, which provide further concise explanation of their potential relevance.

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